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PREFACE

The American Foundation for Overseas Blind, Inc., is pleased to present its first directory of agencies serving the blind and organizations of the blind in Latin America and the Caribbean Islands. A need for this publication has been evident for several years. The first attempt to prepare this publication was made in 1954 but at that time the response to our request for information was so limited that it was impossible to compile a reasonably accurate directory. In July, 1958, a second attempt was initiated to solicit the necessary information by sending a questionnaire to all known agencies, organizations and institutions of and for the blind. This time the response was very gratifying. With the help of the known organizations, others were located so that we now feel that we have knowledge of most of the existing services for the education, rehabilitation and general welfare of the blind in this area of the world. Even though attempts were made to determine what services were available in French Guiana and Nicaragua, no specific institutions or organizations could be located.

The information about the services of the various institutions and organizations was, in most instances, given by the agencies themselves. In the case of those Caribbean Islands which are members of the British Commonwealth information has been secured from the Annual Report 1957/58, of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, London, England, and from agency reports in the files of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind.

Listing of any agency, organization or institution in this directory does not imply endorsement of standards by the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, nor does it involve any evaluation of the services offered.

The American Foundation for Overseas Blind, wishes to thank all of the agencies who replied to its questionnaire, thereby making this directory possible. It is our hope that through this publication a further step will be made toward greater cooperation between the organizations serving blind people within each country and between the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean Islands.

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NOTE

In publishing this Directory, the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, Inc., neither endorses nor assumes responsibility for the organizations herein listed. The information regarding these organizations was for the most part submitted by the organizations themselves.

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BUENOS AIRES Biblioteca Argentina Para Ciegos; est. 1924.
Lezica 3909, Buenos Aires, Cap. Fed.; Mario A. Robossi,
President; Federico Angles, Director.

Supported by dues of the members and profits from festivals, as well as grants from the Comisión Protectora de Bibliotecas Populares. Provides braille books on a loan basis to any blind person in Argentina and in foreign countries. Conducts classes in languages, radio theater and provides facilities for other cultural activities.

Comisión Argentina de Homenaje a "Luis Braille"; est. 1940.
Condarco 56, Buenos Aires, Cap. Fed.; Vincente J.B. Vercelli,
Secretary General.

This Commission is made up of representatives from various voluntary organizations of and for the blind. Its purpose is to honor the birthday of Louis Braille by sponsoring a propaganda campaign to interest the general public and the government in the problems and needs of the blind.

Ministerio de Asistencia Social y Salud Publica;
Dirección de Servicios Sociales Especiales;
Departamento de Ciegos; est. 1908.
Hipolito Yrigoyen 2850, Buenos Aires, Cap. Fed.;
Miguel Angel Nogur, Director.

Formerly known as the Patronata Nacional de Ciegos. It is supported by both government and voluntary funds. Services are available to all blind people in the nation.

Services offered are divided into five divisions which are as follows:

1. Division of Cultural Publications

Braille Printing Plant. Publishes braille text books for use in the schools under the supervision of the Dirección de Ciegos. Also publishes books for recreation, scientific studies and music. Publishes monthly magazine "Luis Braille Argentina", which is sent without cost to the blind within the country and at half cost to blind people in foreign countries.

2. Division of Workshops

In this division there are the following shops employing blind people as workers: Weaving, machine knitting, basket and reed furniture, stuffed toy manufacture, pasteboard box assembly and book binding.

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3. Division of Social Investigation

This division is responsible for all social and economic assistance available to blind people under the assistance laws. It also supervises the homes for blind adults - Hogar "Santa Ana" for aged blind women and Hogar "San Jose" for aged blind men. These homes offer Custodial care without cost to the individual. It further supervises the homes "José Manuel Estrada" and "Josefina C. de Bignone" offering boarding facilities to blind students and workers between the ages of 18 and 30.

4. Division for Special Education

Five schools are under the supervision of this division. "Gral. San Martin" is a vocational school offering a complete training in typing, machine shop, music, handweaving, piano, manual occupations, advanced braille, music notation, handcrafts, domestic science, guitar, Spanish stenography, violin, clay modeling, French and English.

School for Industrial Apprentices, "Francisco Gatti" offers training and experience in card board box manufacture, radio repair, knitting machine operation, book binding, piano tuning and mattress making.

Normal School for Teachers of the Blind provides training in the education of the blind.

Escuela-Hogar "Santa Cecilia" is a residential school for blind girls between the ages of 4 to 18. It offers a complete primary education. Escuela-Hogar "Manuel Belgrano" is a residential school for blind boys between the ages of 4 to 14 offering a primary education.

5. The chorus and band made up from music graduates of the above mentioned schools, form the fifth division under the supervision of the Dirección de Ciegos. These two organizations appear regularly at concerts and provide full time employment for blind musicians.

Primer Centro de Copistas para Ciegos, "Santa Rosa de Lima"; est. 1935.

Bartolome Mitre 1524, Buenos Aires, Cap. Fed.; Miss Dora Iris Saavedra, President.

Voluntary organization, supported by membership dues and donations. Beside the principal office in Buenos Aires, there are two branches, one in Córdoba, located at

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Luis Ignacio Velez 160 and another in Santiago del Estero. Maintains a library of hand transcribed braille books of fiction, the classics, religious books and music. Specializes in books for children. It also transcribes textbooks for use in secondary schools, law and engineering schools. Teaches braille to the seeing who wish to become braille transcribers, and also teaches braille to blind adults. Books are lent free of charge throughout the country.

Sociedad "La Fraternal"; est. 1916.
Condarco 56, Buenos Aires, Cap. Fed.; Horacio Barrionuevo, Secretary General.

An organization made up of 110 blind members, supported by monthly dues and contributions. The purpose is to assist blind persons to adjust to their physical handicap in social, educational and employment situations.

Sociedad "Por los Derechos del Ciego";
Lima 733, Buenos Aires, Cap. Fed.

No information available.

CÓRDOBA

Asociación Cooperadora del Instituto Provincial de Ciegos;
est. 1952.
27 de Abril 2833, Córdoba;
Sra. Julia Quiroga de García Castellanos, President.

This Association is entirely supported by voluntary contributions. It provides assistance for the Instituto Provincial de Ciegos.

Instituto Provincial de Ciegos; est. 1944.
27 de Abril 2833, Córdoba; Victorio Scartascini, Director.

Primary school for blind children from Kingergarten through 6th grade. Supported by the government of the Province of Córdoba and the Asociación Cooperadora. Serves the province of Córdoba.

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LA PLATA

Escuela para Ciegos y Disminuidos Visuales
De La Ciudad de La Plata; est. 1950.
No. 15 Calle 54, No. 418, La Plata;
Sra. Elina Tejerina de Walsh, Director.

This school is supported by the National Government and by voluntary contributions. It provides a primary education for both children and adults who live in La Plata. There are no residential facilities.

MENDOZA

Asociación Tiflológica "Luis Braille"; est. 1944.
Calle Suipacha 534, Mendoza; Elio Gonzalez Guevara, President.

Organization of the blind supported by membership dues as well as voluntary contributions. Organization provides instruction for blind persons not accepted at the school for the blind. Also maintains a Center for braille transcribers and offers assistance for social rehabilitation.

Escuela para no Videntes No. 1, "Luis Braille"; est. 1958.
R. Saenz Peña 1292, Godoy Cruz, Mendoza; Srta. Elena E. Lusk, Director.

This school is under the supervision of the General Education Department of the province of Mendoza. It receives further assistance from the organization, "Amigos de la Escuela." Provides academic instruction for children and adults, as well as social rehabilitation.

MORON
F.C.N.D.F.S.

Hogar para Ciegas "Felisa Dorrego de Miró";
Brown 362, Moron F.C.N.D.F.S.

No information available.

ROSARIO
SANTA FE

Escuela de no Videntes "Luis Braille"; est. 1948.
Calle España 521, Rosario, Santa Fe;
Profesor Julian Eduardo Gonzalez, Director.

The school is supported principally by the government of Santa Fe. It also receives some assistance from the Asociación Cooperadora. Serves both children and adults. Offers a primary education and assistance for secondary education. Offers courses in music.

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Sociedad Pro Cultura al Ciego; est. 1932.

Buenos Aires 1626, Rosario, Santa Fe; Juan Manuel Balice, President.

Provides primary and secondary education for blind children and adults. Also provides some vocational training courses in music, basketry, brush making, mattress manufacture, weaving, shorthand, and simple machine operations. Provides limited medical care and financial assistance for the needy blind. It is supported by voluntary contributions and membership dues as well as income from a lottery.

SALTA

Hogar-Escuela para Ciegos "Corina Lona"; est. 1930.

Fce. de Gurruchaga 50, Salta; Corina Lona, Director.

Private school receiving some assistance from the government of Salta. Offers a primary education, and courses in music, typing, English, French, radio repair, carpentry, and sewing.

SAN ISIDRO

Instituto para Ciegos "Roman Rosell"; est. 1941.

Avda. Intendente Tomkinson 2300, San Isidro;
Mr. Hilario Raúl Pierretti, Director.

Private Institution. It serves blind boys and men irrespective of age. Provides all needs for its students. Offers primary education. Maintains workshops for the manufacture of brooms, brushes, mattresses, basketry. Also teaches music and maintains medical clinics.

SANTA FE

Escuela Provincial de Ciegos;

Urquiza 1041, Santa Fe.

No information available.

Sociedad Amigos del Ciego; est. 1946.

1 de Mayo 1556, Santa Fe; Juan Bautista Cattáneo, President.

Supported by monthly dues of members as well as contributions from the municipality of Santa Fe. Also receives money from benefits, concerts and other such fund raising activities. Acts as the official organization for the Departamento de Ciegos, etc. for the distribution of financial assistance to the needy blind. Offers training courses in knitting, weaving, and rug braiding for women and chair caning, brush making and broom manufacture for men. Offers financial assistance for

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needy blind to secure food. Has temporary lodgings for persons without a home. Loans money to meet certain needs of employed blind people and operates vending stands throughout the city. Also offers social services for blind people in the community.

SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO

Escuela de Reeducación y Rehabilitación
Del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus; est. 1953.
Jujuy 73, Absolón Rojas y Jujuy, Santiago del Estero;
Srta. Sara Angelica Zarba, Director.

Private school supported by contributions. Serves both men and women of all ages. It serves only the city of Santiago del Estero. There are workshops for people over the age of 18. Deaf and mentally retarded are also accepted.

SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMÁN

Escuela "Luis Braille", Consejo de Educación; est. 1919.
Moreno 261, San Miguel de Tucumán; Dr. Manuel J. García Bes,
Director.

This school is supported by both provincial funds and voluntary contributions collected by a cooperating society organized for this purpose. It is a residential school offering a primary education to both children and adults as well as vocational training in broom making, mattress manufacture, book binding, home economics, and hand weaving. Courses in music are also taught.

... BAHAMAS

NASSAU

Salavation Army School for the Blind; est. 1948.
P. O. Box 205, Nassau; Major Gamblin, Principal.

Training center for adult blind living in Nassau and New Providence. Operated by the Salvation Army and supported from voluntary contributions. Braille and craft work are taught.

... BARBADOS

BRIDGETOWN

Barbados Association for the Blind and Deaf; est. 1952.
Bridgetown; Sir E. Allan Collymore, President.

Operates a training center for the adult blind in Bridgetown. Hand crafts are taught and some articles are made for sale.

... BERMUDA

HAMILTON

Bermuda Society for the Blind;
Burnaby Street, Hamilton; Lady Hall, Chairman;

Training center for the adult blind where hand crafts are taught. Society also provides facilities for social recreation.

...BOLIVIA

COCHABAMBA

Escuela Vocacional para Ciegas; est. 1951.
Mercado Seccional de Calacala, Casilla de Correo No. 507,
Cochabamba; Iván Paz C., Administrator.

Training center for blind women who may not be accepted in the special schools for training because of age. Supported by the government. Residential school offering a primary education as well as training in domestic science, hand weaving, sewing, vending stand operation, typing, and music. Also provides social services for the students and a recreation program. Placement in industry and in workshops is arranged when the students have completed their training.

LA PAZ

Casa Social del Ciego de La Paz; est. 1948.
Calle Landaeta No. 2 (Callejon), La Paz; Marcelino Quispe Lima,
Administrator.

A home for blind men and women supported by the government. Braille is taught and room and board provided for blind women and room only for blind men. This home provides a temporary residence for people needing immediate temporary assistance.

Departamento Nacional de Rehabilitacion; est. 1946.
Ministerio del Trabajo y Seguridad Social;
Cañada Stongest 396, La Paz; Alberto Santander Fernandez,
Director.

The National Department of Rehabilitation is completely supported by the government under the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. It is responsible for the education and training of blind children. Maintains schools throughout the country offering a primary education and vocational training. Provides social services and medical care for blind children.

Federación Nacional de Ciegos de Bolivia;
Calle Diego de Peralta, No. 83, La Paz;
Alfredo Tarifa Sanchez, Executive Secretary.

No information available.

... BOLIVIA

Instituto Boliviano de la Ceguera; est. 1957.

Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social;

Calle Yanacocha 312, La Paz; Jose Alejandro Rivero, Q.,
Chief, Section for the Blind.

Established by law and supported by the government under the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. Supervises and maintains rehabilitation services for the adult blind. Provides financial assistance for the needy blind.

Instituto de Educación Especial de La Paz; est. 1946.

Sección para Ciegos;

Avenida Siles No. 19, Obrajes, La Paz;
Ezequiel Fernández Mosca, Director.

School for blind boys supported by the National Department of Rehabilitation. Primary education is provided as well as rehabilitation services and vocational training.

Sindicatos de Comerciantes Minoristas de No Videntes de La Paz;
La Paz.

No information available.

ORURO

Instituto Nacional de Ciegas "Maria Antonieta Suarez"; est. 1932.

Avenida Seis de Octubre, Esquina Aroma, Oruro;
Ricardo Cortes y Cortez, Director.

National school for blind girls, supported by the government and under the direction and supervision of the National Department of Rehabilitation. Residential school offering a primary education and some vocational training for older students.

POTOSI

Escuela de Readaptación para Ciegos "Wenceslao Alba"; est. 1935.

Potosi; David McLean Vargas, Director.

School for blind boys. Formerly a private school, but since 1947, is supported by the government and is under the direction and supervision of the National Department of Rehabilitation. Offers a primary education and vocational training in weaving, brush making and other handcrafts.

SUCRE

Taller Vocacional para Ciegos Adultos de Sucre (Pablo Muñoz);
Sucre.

No information available.

...BRAZIL

The following list of organizations and institutions of and for the blind in Brazil was submitted by the Fundacao Para O Livro do Cego no Brasil and the Instituto Benjamin Constant. The information has not been checked directly with each institution listed. For this reason, no description of the services is included. It is hoped that in a later edition of this directory, more detailed information will be available for publication.

AMAZONAS

Instituto Montessoriano Alvaro Maia;
Rua Paraíba - Adrianópolis, Manaus.

BAHIA

Instituto de Cegos da Bahia;
Rua Agusto Guimaraes, 44,
Salvador.

CEARÁ

Instituto dos Cegos do Ceará;
Avenida Bezerra de Menezes, 892,
Bairro Alagadico - Fortaleza.

Sociedade de Assistencia aos Cegos;
Rua Bezerra de Menezes, 892, São Geraldo,
Fortaleza.

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Associacao Alianca dos Cegos;
Rua 24 de maio, 47,
Rocha.

Cenáculo Protetor dos Cegos;
Avenida Suburbana, 7932,
Piedade.

Instituto Benjamin Constant;
Av. Pasteur 350,
Rio de Janeiro.

Instituto Evangélico de Cegos;
Rua Torres de Oliveira, 140,
Piedade.

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Liga de Protecao aos Cegos do Brasil;
Rua Uruguaiana, 104 - 1 and. s/108,
Centro.

Sodalicio da Sacra Familia;
Rua Alzira Brandao, No. 73,
Tijuca.

Uniao dos Cegos no Brasil;
Rua Clarimundo de Melo, 216,
Piedade.

Uniao Geral dos Cegos;
Travessa Teixeirs, 21,
Engenho de Dentro.

MINAS GERAIS Associacao dos Cegos "Luiz Braille";
 Rua da Bahia, 637,
 Belo Horizonte.

Instituto dos Cegos do Brasil Central;
Rua Marques do Parana, 79,
Uberaba.

Instituto Sao Rafael;
Rua Guarani, 926,
Belo Horizonte.

PARANÁ Instituto Paranaense para Cegos;
 Avenida Guarapuava, 2864,
 Curitiba.

PARAÍBA Instituto dos Cegos de Joao Pessoa;
 Joao Pessoa.

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- PERNAMBUCO Instituto dos Cegos de Pernambuco;
 Rua Guilherme Pinto, 146 - Capunga,
 Recife.
- RIO DE JANEIRO Associacao Fluminense de Amparo aos Cegos;
 Rua Santa Rosa, 82,
 Niterói.
- RIO GRANDE
DO SUL Instituto Santa Luzia de Amparo aos Cegos;
 Avenida Independencia, 850,
 Porto Alegre.
- SAO PAULO Associacao Linense para Cegos;
 Lins-Est. de Sao Paulo,
 Sao Paulo.
- Associacao Pró-Biblioteca e Alfabetizacao para Cegos;
 Alameda Sarutaia, 350 - Jardim Paulista,
 Sao Paulo.
- Associacao Promotora de Instrucao e Trabalho para Cegos;
 Rua Cajuru, 722,
 Sao Paulo.
- Casa do Cego Trabalhador de Sao Carlos;
 Sao Carlos.
- Federacao dos Cegos Laboriosos;
 Rua Cardoso de Almeida, 844,
 Sao Paulo.
- Fundacao para o Livro do Cego no Brasil;
 Rua Dr. Diogo de Faria 558,
 Sao Paulo.

Instituto Campineiro dos Cegos Trabalhadores;
Avenida Washington Luiz,
Campinas.

Instituto Luiz Braille;
Rua Curuzu, 789,
Botucatú.

Instituto Padre Chico;
Avenida Nazare, 493,
Ipiranga.

Instituto Profissional Paulista para Cegos;
Rua da Mooca, 2931,
Mooca.

Instituto Profissional Paulista para Cegas;
Avenida Presidente Wilson, 118,
Santos.

Instituto Rehabilitacao, Hospital dos Clinicas e Traumatofocal;
Sao Paulo.

Nucleo Profissional de Cegos;
Rua Bandeirantes, 104,
Bauru.

Nucleo Profissional para Cegos;
Avenida Cons. Nebias, 649,
Santos.

Nucleo (3) Profissional de Cegos;
Rua Dr. Braguinha, 330,
Sorocaba.

...BRITISH GUIANA

GEORGETOWN

British Guiana Society for the Blind; est. 1948.
P.O. Box 450, Georgetown, Demerara;
Mr. John Fernandes, President.

Operates a training center for the adult blind where
braille and crafts are taught.

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BELIZE

Provisional Blind Welfare Committee;
Medical Department,
Belize.

No information available.

SANTIAGO

American Foundation for Overseas Blind, Inc.; South American Regional Office; Agustinas 715, Of. 113-114, Santiago; M. Antonieta Suarez de Taeschler, South American Representative.

Asociación de Ciegos de Chile; est. 1934.
Calle Vergara 324, Santiago; Rogelio Muñoz Martinez, President.

Organization made up of blind persons who pay a monthly subscription fee for which they receive certain services in case of illness or death. Operates a small sheltered workshop for the manufacture of brooms and machine knitting. Assists students in secondary education or university, and provides a program of social recreation.

Escuela de Ciegos del Estado; est. 1900.
Casilla 9111, Tupper 2161, Santiago;
Juan Escobar Destremau, Director.

School for blind children supported by the Ministry of Education and further assistance from the Sociedad de Cooperación de las Escuelas de Ciegos y Sordomudos. Provides primary and secondary education for both boys and girls as well as vocational training and counseling.

Sección de Adaptación y Rehabilitación
del Instituto de Psicología de la Universidad de Chile; est. 1955.
Calle Santa Lucia 232, Santiago; Roberto Kupfer K., Director.

Formerly known as the Centro de Formación de Profesores en Educación Especial. Training course for workers and teachers in the education of the blind.

Sociedad de Cooperación de las Escuelas de Ciegos y Sordomudos; Casilla 9111, Tupper 2161, Santiago.

Collects and administers voluntary funds used to supplement the cost of operation of the government operated schools for the blind and the deaf.

Sociedad Protectora de Ciegos "Santa Lucia"; est. 1924.
Salesianos 1190, Paradero 9, Gran Avenida, Santiago;
Alicia Cañas de Errázuriz, President;
Elsa Soto Gutiérrez, Director of Primary School.

Voluntary organization supporting a primary school for blind children and a home for blind adults. Operates a sheltered workshop. Receives government assistance for its primary education program.

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BARRANQUILLA Escuela de Ciegos y Sordomudos, Club de Leones;
 Apartado aereo 1270, Barranquilla;
 Dr. David Castro Senior, President.

No information available.

BOGOTÁ Federación Nacional de Ciegos y Sordomudos; est. 1940.
 Carrera 10, 15-80, Apartado aéreo 5381, Bogotá;
 Hector Cadavid-Alvarez, Manager.

National agency established by law serving the blind and deaf of the country. Provides consultative and coordinating services for schools for the blind and develops projects as needed.

Instituto Colombiano para Ciegos y Sordomudos de Bogotá; est. 1926.
Carrera 8 Este 12-30, Sur Bogotá;
Isidro de Jesús Peña, Pbro. Director.

School for blind boys offering a primary education. Provides vocational training for students not wishing to enter into any profession, such as music, teaching, etc. Supported by grants from the government and from funds derived from investments. Also operates home for older blind people, located on a farm outside Bogotá.

Instituto de Ntra. Señora de la Sabiduría para Niñas Ciegas y Sordomudas; est. 1924.
Calle 20, Sur No. 11-81, Aptdo. 2475, Bogotá;
Soeur Solange de la Croix, Director.

Private school for blind girls. Receives limited support from the government. Provides secondary education and some vocational training.

Sociedad Colombiana de Defensa del Ciego;
Bogotá.

No information available.

... COLOMBIA

Union Musical de Ciegos; est. 1955.
Carrera 5, 11-59, Apartado Nacional 7-91, Bogotá;
Florencio Castillo C., President.

Cooperative providing services for its members. Finds employment for blind musicians and tuners. Also conducts music school for blind and seeing students.

CALI Confraternidad Colombiana de Ciegos Trabajadores; est. 1954.
 Ka, 4a Norte No. 43-60, Barrio Popular, Apartado aéreo No. 2265,
 Cali; Jorge M. Gonzalez, Secretary General.

Organization of the blind, providing some services to its members.

Instituto de Ciegos y Sordomudos; est. 1939.
Calle 15 S. San Fernando, Cali; Sara María Dominguez, Director.

Provides primary education for blind boys also offers some vocational training. It is supported by government funds.

CARTAGENA Escuela de Ciegos y Sordomudos de Cartagena; est. 1957.
 Carrera 21A, No. 29-89, Apartado aéreo 147, Cartagena;
 Mercedes del Carmen Garcia, Director.

MANIZALES Hermandad de Ciegos Trabajadores;
 Aptdo. aéreo 144, Manizales.

No information available.

MEDELLIN Cooperativa Nacional de Trabajadores Ciegos Ltda.; est. 1946.
 Aptdo. Nacional 2121, Medellin; Rafael Lince, Manager.

Cooperative in which the members buy shares and from the business ventures undertaken, employment for members is provided. Maintains a small braille library and arranges recreational activities for members.

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Escuela de Ciegos y Sordomudos; est. 1923.
Apartado Nacional No. 72, Medellin;
Francisco Luis Hernandez, Director.

School for blind boys serving the entire country.
Supported by the National government. Provides
primary and secondary education as well as vocational
training.

Instituto San Luis Maria de Montfort para Niñas Ciegas
y Sordomudas; est. 1947.
Medellin; Madre Ana Josefina, Director.

Private school for blind girls providing primary education
as well as training in home economics, sewing, knitting,
music and typing. Receives support from the government for
the care of 20 girls each year.

Sociedad Nacional Pro Defensa de los Ciegos; est. 1951.
Aptdo. Nacional 2316, Medellin.

Organization of blind people primarily interested in
developing a vocational training program and sheltered
workshop.

ARMENIA

Sociedad de Ciegos Trabajadores del Quindio;
Agencia General de Loterias, Plaza de Bolivar, Armenia;
Jesus M. Builes, President.

No information available.

... COSTA RICA

SAN JOSÉ

Asociación "Amigos del Ciego"; est. 1949.
Apartado 1110, San Jose; Victor Julio Arias, President.

Organization supported by voluntary contributions and a government grant. Provides eye glasses and medical care for children and adults as well as general medical and dental care. Gives white canes and provides means for free transportation throughout Costa Rica. Gives financial assistance to students outside of Costa Rica for education and/or medical care.

Asociación de Ciegos Costarricenses, "Centro Helen Keller"; est. 1954.

Apartado Postal 2430, San José;
Professor Antonio Cabezas Araya, President.

Voluntary organization of the blind, supported from contributions and membership fees. Serves all of Costa Rica. Provides assistance for blind students in secondary schools for the seeing. Assists blind persons in securing employment and conducts a comprehensive recreation program. Operates a circulating braille library and publishes braille text books. Also imports special appliances for distribution to blind people within the country.

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial; est. 1942.

Sección de Ciegos,
Apartado Postal 2335, San José; Fernando Centeno Guell, Director General. Dora Santisteban de Marenco, Chief, Section for the Blind.

Government operated school for blind children with residential facilities. Offers primary education, social rehabilitation and vocational guidance. Also conducts a pre-vocational training program for adults.

Patronato Nacional de Ciegos; est. 1958.

Apartado Postal 2430, San José;
Dora Santisteban de Marenco, President.

Created in 1958 by law as a national co-ordinating committee which is responsible for all present and future services for the blind.

...CUBA

HAVANA

Asociación Cubana de Ciegos; est. 1933.
Carmen # 213, Vibora, Havana; Julio Azanza Rodriguez,
Director.

Provides education for blind adults. Is supported by voluntary donations, gifts from sponsors and some funds from the Cooperación Nacional de Assistencia Pública.

Asociación Nacional de Ciegos; (Albergue)
A #558, Lawton, Havana.

No information available.

Fundación Cultural para Ciegos "Varona Suarez"; est. 1926.
Calle 82, No. 4105, Marianao, Havana;
Sra. Emma Cabrera de Giménez Lanier, President;
Dra. Maria Miranda de Mañalich, Director.

Supported by government and voluntary funds. Offers training and home for blind children and adults. Instruction for children includes Kindergarten and primary education. Vocational courses for adults include, music, typing, and book binding. Maintains a braille library.

Hogar Industrial para Ciegos, "Antonio Martinez Morales";
Calle 24 esq. a 41, Nuevo Vedado, Havana.

Supported by Lions Club of Havana. Sheltered workshop employing approximately 35 blind workers. Has a sub-contract department and also some manufacturing of new goods. Offers training for blind workers.

"San Juan Bosco", Asociación de Ciegos; (Albergue)
D'Strampes #556, Vibora, Havana.

No information available.

... DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CIUDAD TRUJILLO Escuela Nacional de Ciegos; est. 1957.
 Avenida Independencia #124, Ciudad Trujillo;
 Mercedes Calixta Martínez Díaz, Director.

National school for the education of blind children and adults. Supported by the government. Provides primary education as well as some vocational training in music and crafts.

... ECUADOR

GUAYAQUIL Escuela Municipal de Ciegos, "Club de Leones"; est. 1951.
 Calle Machala entre Bolivia y García Goyena, Casilla Postal 3240,
 Guayaquil; Byron I. Eguiguren, Director.

School for blind children and adults. Sponsored by the Lions Club of Guayaquil, with some assistance from the municipal government of Guayaquil. Offers primary education as well as typing and crafts.

QUITO Sociedad "Amigos de los Ciegos"; est. 1953.
 Quinta San Vicente, Calle Vela 104;
 Address all correspondence to: Mrs. Josefina de Cárdenas,
 Apartado 584, Quito; Josefina de Cárdenas, President.

Voluntary organization which receives some financial assistance from the Ministry of Social Welfare. Offers primary education for blind children to age 14.

... SAN SALVADOR

SAN SALVADOR Centro de Rehabilitación para Ciegos "Eugenio de Dueñas"; est. 1956.
 21 Calle Poniente #240, San Salvador;
 Angelica Vidal de Najarro, Director.

Government supported school for blind children and adults. Receives some voluntary assistance through the Sociedad Protectora de Ciegos. Offers primary and secondary education. Also maintains services in social and vocational rehabilitation. Assists blind persons in securing employment after graduation. Unemployable blind persons are placed in the "Asilo Sara."

... GUATEMALA

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Comité Nacional Pro Ciegos y Sordomudos de Guatemala;
est. 1945.

9a Calle 4-30, Zona 1, Guatemala;
Elisa M. de Stahl, President.

National voluntary organization, supported from the proceeds of a lottery, contributions from individuals and a government grant. Operates the Santa Lucia school for blind and deaf children, a rehabilitation center for adults, an industrial workshop and eye clinics. Has an extensive social service department providing casework services, financial assistance to the aged and incapacitated blind people and placement service for industry and in small business ventures such as vending stands.

... HAITI

POR-T-AU-PRINCE

Société Haïtienne D'Aide Aux Aveugles; est. 1952.
102 Avenue de Turgeau, Port-Au-Prince;
Jean A. Sorel, Joint Secretary.

Voluntary organization serving blind adults. Provides home teaching services, education of the adult blind and vocational rehabilitation services. Operates two branch offices in Jacmal and Cape Haïtienne.

St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children; est. 1946.
Box 1319, 119 Rue des Casernes, Port-Au-Prince;
Sister Joan Margaret, Principal and Director.

Serves Republic of Haiti. Supported from church missions, government grants, tuition, and voluntary contributions. Provides primary education for blind children and a limited number of adults. Also offers services in social and vocational rehabilitation.

... HONDURAS

TEGUCIGALPA D.C.

Escuela para Ciegos; est. 1948.

Avenida Jerez, Barrio La Ronda, Tegucigalpa D.C.;
Pilar Salinas, Director.

National school for the blind. Supported from government funds and voluntary contributions. Offers primary education for both children and adults.

. . . JAMAICA

KINGSTON

Jamaica Society for the Blind;
95 Hanover Street, Kingston;
D. G. Farquharson, Chairman.

National organization supported by the government as well as voluntary contributions. Conducts a prevention of blindness program as well as contributes toward the maintenance of a sheltered workshop, operated by the Salvation Army. Also operates a mens' hostel to provide housing facilities for blind men during training. Gives some financial assistance to needy blind persons not eligible for services provided by the government. Arranges for the education and vocational rehabilitation of blind persons in the area.

Salvation Army Institute for the Blind; est. 1927.

Slipe Pen Road, Kingston;
Captain S. B. Wicks, Manager.

Supported from government grants, assistance from the Jamaican Society for the Blind and grants from Salvation Army funds and voluntary contributions. Operates a primary school for the education of blind children. Offers some academic training for the adult blind. Operates a sheltered workshop and vocational training center.

. . . LEeward ISLANDS

ST. JOHNS

Friends of the Blind of Antigua;
Industrial School for the Blind, Long Street, St. Johns;
Lady Rae, President.

Voluntary organization operating an industrial school for blind adults.

...MEXICO

AGUA PRIETA
SONORA

Comité de Ayuda a los Ciegos;
Apartado #49, Agua Prieta, Sonora.

No information available.

Organización Estatal de no Videntes de Chihuahua; est. 1943.
Calle Moreno #2105, Chihuahua, Chih;
Fernando Romero M., Secretary General.

Supported by funds received from the government and state, as well as contributions from individuals. Provides education for blind men and women.

GUADALAJARA
JALISCO

Instituto de Capacitación del Niño Ciego; est. 1945.
Calle 56, No. 385, Guadalajara, Jalisco;
Prof. Juan Romero Kyan, Director.

Residential school for blind boys. Offers primary education as well as vocational training in various crafts and piano tuning. Supported by voluntary contributions. Serves principally the state of Jalisco.

MERIDA, YUC.

Escuela de Carentes de Vista; est. 1947.
Calle 65, No. 409, Merida, Yuc.;
Santiago Navarro Silva, Director.

School for blind children and rehabilitation center for adults. Provides some adjustment training as well as training for vocations. Financial assistance to the aged blind. Supported by voluntary contributions and funds from the government of Yucatán. Have recently started a library for the blind people in the community.

MEXICO, D.F.

Asociación Ignacio Trigueros; est. 1922.
4a Calle de Puebla, No. 65, Mexico 7, D.F.;
Ramón Villalva H., Director.

Organization of blind people living in Mexico. Receives some government assistance as well as voluntary contributions. Publishes monthly ink print magazine "Desde las Sombras" and provides financial assistance to members who are in need.

... MEXICO

Centro de Capacitación para Ciegos; est. 1956.

Justo Sierra 66, Mexico 1, D.F.; Luis Enrique Pardo, Director.

Rehabilitation Center and workshop supported by the Junior League of Mexico City. Has a braille library. Conducts braille classes for the adult blind, social rehabilitation and volunteer readers' service for students attending school for the seeing. Also operates a training workshop to prepare blind persons for jobs in industry and industrial placement service.

Centro Editorial Braille; est. 1953.

Calle Viena 87, Coyoacan, Mexico 21, D.F.;

Mrs. Maxine G. Underwood, Chairman;

Consuelo Hidalgo, Manager.

Braille printing plant supported by voluntary contributions received from the Comité Internacional pro-ciegos and from the sale of books. Publishes braille text books, Selecciones, and books for recreational reading. Books available for sale throughout Latin America.

Escuela Nacional de Ciegos; est. 1870.

Mixcalco No. 6, Mexico 1, D.F.;

Dr. Angel Vallarino Montes de Oca, Director

Supported by the Mexican Government. Serves students who have completed primary education living in the Federal District and surrounding provinces. Provides training in manual occupations and offers a vocational rehabilitation service.

Instituto Nacional para la Rehabilitación de los Ciegos; est. 1955.

Viena #87, Coyoacán, Mexico 21, D.F.

Luz Santaella de Merino, Director.

School for blind children under the age of 16. Operated and fully supported by the Mexican Government. Provides instruction from Kindergarten throughout the sixth grade. Also offers social rehabilitation and vocational counseling services. Vocational training courses in carpentry, electricity, jewelry making, agriculture, music, and domestic science, are taught. The school cooperates with the psychological department of the Council for Rehabilitation and Social Work.

...MEXICO

Oficina de Asistencia Integral para los Ciegos; est. 1955.
Avenida Chapultepec #559, Mexico, D.F.;
Porfirio Alvarado Chavez, Chief.

Supported by the Ministry of Health and Assistance. Provides financial assistance to needy blind people. Also conducts a public education program and vocational rehabilitation services.

Organización de Ciegos de la República Mexicana;
Guatemala 141 - Of. 202, Mexico, D.F.;

No information available.

MONTERREY
NUEVO LEON

Escuela para Ciegos "Jose Ma. Cárdenas"; est. 1930.
Escobedo 574 Sur, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon;
Esther Garza de Elizondo, Director.

School for blind children and adults. Supported by the state government and the Lions Club. Provides primary education and some vocational training for adults.

Sociedad de Ciegos "Ignacio Morones Prieto";
Vicente Suarez Nte. 813, Monterrey, N.L.

No information available.

PUEBLA, PUE.

Escuela Hogar para Ciegos;
3 Sur 904, Puebla, Pue.

School supported by the government of the state of Puebla and the Lions Club. Provides academic and vocational education for blind children.

Centro Cultural Braille de Puebla;
Rocha, 17 Sur 708, Puebla, Pue.

No information available.

...MEXICO

Sociedad de Ciegos en Puebla; est. 1955.

3 Sur 904, Puebla; Ascension Contreras Ruiz, Secretary General.

Organization of the blind affiliated with the Organización de Ciegos de la República Mexicana. Supported from subscriptions by the members and voluntary donations. Offers medical care to its members and assists them in securing employment.

SAN LUIS
POTOSI

Escuela Ignacio Trigueros para Ciegos; est. 1928.

Calle P. Arriaga #228, San Luis Potosí, Slp.;

Emiglio M. Belloc, Director.

Supported by the government of San Luis Potosí. Serves both children and adults living in the state. Provides primary education and training in various crafts.

... PANAMA

PANAMA CITY Instituto Panameño De Habilitación Especial;
 Escuela de Ciegos "Helen Keller"; est. 1952.
 Calle 45, Barrio de Bella Vista, Casa N-37,
 Apartado Postal 3567, Panama City;
 Andrés C. Toro, Director.

School for blind children supported by the government under the Ministry of Education, Lions Club of Panama City and other voluntary contributions. Offers primary education for boys and girls. Residential facilities are available for a limited number of blind boys.

BALBOA, C.Z. Salvation Army Panama School for the Blind; est. 1948.
 0792 La Boca Road, P.O. Box N., Balboa, C.Z.;
 Major John A. Sundberg, Sectional Officer.

Recreation and training center for blind adults. Supported by the Salvation Army and voluntary contributions. Offers courses in reading and writing braille, as well as training in crafts. Conducts a recreational program.

... PARAGUAY

ASUNCIÓN Asociación "Santa Lucia", Escuela de Ciegos; est. 1956.
 Calle Tacuari y Pte. Eligio Ayala, Asuncion;
 Sra. Olga Renée Codas de Villarejo, President;
 Srita. Adelia de Filippis, Director.

Conducts school for blind children and adults. Offers primary education as well as training in various crafts. Supported from voluntary contributions in co-operation with the government.

AREQUIPA

Instituto Nuestra Señora del Pilar para Niños Ciegos; est. 1946.
Zamacolla S/N, Apartado 2368, Arequipa; Reverend Mother
Amelia de Jesús, Director.

Residential school for blind children. Supported by voluntary contributions and government grants. Offers primary education as well as some training in carpentry, weaving, manufacture of brooms and other crafts.

- LIMA

Asociación Nacional de Ciegos Industriales del Peru; est. 1938.
Jiron Puno No. 451, Lima; Dr. Andres Palomino Sanchez, President.

Organization of blind persons, supported by voluntary contributions and dues paid by the members. Provides assistance to members in case of illness or death. Teaches braille to blind adults and operates workshops for mattress manufacture, hand weaving, carpentry, and chair caning.

Instituto "La Inmaculada" para Sordomudos y Ciegos; est. 1936.
Bolognesi 621, Barranco, Lima; Sor María de la Pasión, Director.

Residential school supported from voluntary contributions and government grants. Provides a primary education for both boys and girls. Vocational courses in hand and machine knitting and rug weaving are taught to girls who have completed their primary education. Boys at age 14, are transferred to the Instituto Nacional de Ciegos.

Sección del Invidente, Ministerio de Educación Pública; est. 1952.
Lima; Delfina Otero V., Chief, Section for the Blind.

Supervises government and voluntary schools for the blind which receive government assistance.

... PERU

Instituto Nacional del Ciego; est. 1946.
Bolognesi 479, Lima; Hildebrando R. Sotelo, Director.

Residential school for blind boys between the ages of 12 and 25. A few girls are admitted as day students. Supported by the government under the Ministry of Education. Vocational training is given in mattress manufacture, rug weaving, carpentry, book binding and broom manufacture. Operates a braille printing plant for the publication of braille text books.

Union Nacional de Ciegos del Peru; est. 1931.
Plaza Bolognese 477, Lima; Prof. Raul E. Davila Vivas, President.

Organization of the blind supported by a government grant as well as monthly dues of the members. Operates a braille library as well as teaches braille to the adult blind. Operates small sheltered workshop and provides medical assistance and food for members who are in need. Has recently opened a workshop for the blind in Piura serving blind people in northern Peru and a home and school in Huancayo.

... SURINAM

PARAMARIBO

Blinden-Instituut St. Theresia; est. 1953.
Wanicastraat 158, Paramaribo, D.W.I.;
Rev. Mother Therese, Director.

Residential school for blind children, supported by voluntary contributions. Offers a primary education to both girls and boys.

... TRINIDAD

POR-T-OF-SPAIN

Christobelle Swanston Memorial Home; est. 1929.
Port-of-Spain.

Residential home for blind men supported by voluntary contributions. Most of the residents are employed at the Duke Street Center, a sheltered workshop.

St. Mary's Home for Blind Women; est. 1928.
8 Fraser Street, Port-of-Spain.

Home for blind women most of whom are employed at the Duke Street Center. Supported by voluntary contributions.

Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association; est. 1914.
118 Duke Street, Port-of-Spain; G.A. Duruty, General Secretary.

Operates a school for blind children in Santa Cruz and two workshops in Port-of-Spain, San Fernando and Tobago. The organization is supported by voluntary contributions and some assistance from the government. Works closely with all organizations in the area.

SANTA CRUZ

Santa Cruz School for the Blind; est. 1951.
Santa Cruz; John Knox, Superintendent.

School for blind children supported by the government and the Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association. Offers primary education and courses in domestic science, music and hand-crafts.

... URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO , Centro de Apostolado para Ciegos "Santa Lucia"; est. 1957.
Avenida Sarmiento 2633, Montevideo;
Mercedes Drever Algorta, Secretary General.

Organization of the blind supported by dues paid by members as well as voluntary contributions. Operates a lending library for the blind.

Instituto de Ciegos "General Artigas";
Camino Maldonado 5749, Montevideo.

No information available.

Movimiento Pro Ayuda a los Estudiantes Ciegos; est. 1958.
Candelaria 1623, Montevideo.
Elbio Badalá, President.

Private organization supported by voluntary contributions. Assists students wishing to secure a higher education by providing necessary equipment.

Union Nacional de Ciegos del Uruguay; est. 1950.
Rambla Delmira Agustini 1082, Prado, Montevideo;
Walter Serrat, President.

Organization of blind people supported by voluntary contributions and monthly dues of members. Has affiliated organizations throughout the country. Operates a school for blind children and adults. Recently organized a department for the education of blind children in schools for the seeing in co-operation with the Council for Special Primary and Normal Teaching, under the Ministry of Education. Also operates a braille printing press publishing a quarterly magazine as well as text books. Operates a sheltered workshop, where brushes and furniture are manufactured.

. . . VENEZUELA

CARACAS

Asociación Nacional de Ciegos Trabajadores de Venezuela; est. 1950.
San Vicente a Medina 131, La Pastora, Caracas;
Dr. José Alberto Gelvis R., Administrator.

Organization of blind people supported by voluntary contributions, government grants and monthly dues of members. Provides primary and secondary education for the adult blind. Also conducts music classes. Provides medical care for members in financial need. Maintains workshops and sells products in kiosks in the public market. Seeks employment opportunities for members.

Instituto Venezolano de Ciegos; est. 1936.

Avenida Nueva Granada 2a, Transversal despues del Peaje,
Apartado de Correos No. 9, Caracas;
Roberto Martínez Centeno, Director.

National school for blind children supported by the government and the Sociedad Amigos de los Ciegos. Offers primary and secondary education as well as vocational training in typing, stenography, music, piano tuning, domestic science. Also conducts a free eye clinic for the general public.

Sociedad Amigos de los Ciegos;

Avenida Victoria 2a, Lateral Derecha Despues del Peaje, Caracas,
Apartado de Correos No. 9, Caracas;
Dr. Edwardo Carbonell, President;
Mario Florentín, Foreign Correspondent.

Voluntary organization whose principal purpose is to provide financial support to the Instituto Venezolano de Ciegos. Operates a braille printing plant and braille library.

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